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# REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY OR AGENT

Application Number	09/331,674
Confirmation Number	1947
Filing Date	June 23, 1999
First Named Inventor	Alain BRUGOT
Art Unit	2876
Examiner Name	Diane I. Lee
Attorney Docket Number	Q54768

To: Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

I hereby apply to withdraw as attorney or agent for the above identified patent application.

The reasons for this request are:

The undersigned's firm has not been paid for work done in connection with the Office Action dated December 10, 2002, nor has Mr. Brugot, the first-named inventor, indicated that the undersigned's firm would be paid for work done in connection with the present Office Action, a response to which can be filed by February 12, 2004 with a three month extension. The undersigned had previously corresponded with a French firm in connection with this case, but that firm advised that since Mr. Brugot had not paid them, they would not work on this case anymore. The attached letter to Mr. Brugot dated September 3, 2003, received by him on September 5, 2003 as evidenced by the attached Federal Express information, sets forth in further detail the payment issue and that a Request for Withdrawal as Attorney would be filed if payment was not received by October 3, 2003 (payment was not received by that date).

## CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

- ☐ The correspondence address is NOT affected by this withdrawal.
- ☒ Change the correspondence address and direct all future correspondence to:

Monsieur Alain Brugot  
3 rue Alphonse Daudet  
34480 St Genies de Fontedit  
FRANCE

- ☐ This request is made on behalf of myself and
- ☒ all the attorneys/agents of record,
  - ☐ the attorneys/agents (with registration numbers) listed on the attached paper(s), or
  - ☐ the attorney/agents associated with Customer Number

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This request is enclosed in triplicate (including any attachments).

Name Bruce E. Kramer

Signature *Bruce E. Kramer*

Reg. No. 33,725

Date October 10, 2003

*NOTE: Withdrawal is effective when approved rather than when received. Unless there are at least 30 days between approval of withdrawal and the expiration date of a time period for response or possible extension period, the request to withdraw is normally disapproved.*



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September 3, 2003

**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Mr. Alain Brugot  
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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/331,674  
Inventor: Alain BRUGOT, et al.  
**Reporting Final Office Action**  
Your Ref.: Brugot  
Our Ref.: Q54768  
PTO Mail Date: August 12, 2003  
Due Date: **October 3, 2003 (Response to this letter)**  
Due Date: **November 12, 2003 (Response to Office Action)**  
Final Due Date: **February 12, 2004 (Response to Office Action)**

Dear Mr. Brugot:

We have received a Final Office Action dated August 12, 2003, in the above-named application. Copies of the Office Action are enclosed. We are sending the Office Action directly to you because we received a letter from Bloch & Associates saying that they are no longer handling this case and that we should correspond directly with you. Bloch & Associates also advised that they would not be paying the debit note we sent them previously for work done on this case, because they did not receive payment from you, and they said we should bill you directly. Accordingly, we are enclosing a debit note for work done to date on this case.

A response to the Office Action is due on or before **November 12, 2003**, but the date for responding may be extended to **February 12, 2004**, by payment of government extension fees.

Please note that since the Examiner has wide discretion in entering Amendments after a final Office Action, our response to the final Office Action may not avoid the need to take further action, such as filing an appeal, a continuation application, or a request for continued examination (RCE), by the final due date of **February 12, 2004**.

Briefly, we note that claims 5, 8, and 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

**However, please note that we will not do any further work on this case until the attached debit note is paid, and until a further \$2,000 retainer is paid to cover future work to be done on this case. If we do not receive payment by October 3, 2003, we plan to file a Request for Withdrawal as Attorney in the PTO.**



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We look forward to receiving payment for this case by October 3, 2003. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Very truly yours,

Bruce E. Kramer

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Enclosures

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